

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0078] on page 42 of the specification as follows:

Figure ~~4~~ 5 shows the release profile of EPO from each gel, as determined by assuming that the EPO collected from the gel digested which hyaluronidase immediately after gel preparation is set to 100%. After 9 days, hyaluronidase (Hase) was added.